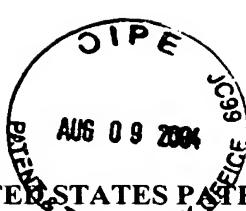


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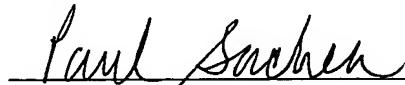
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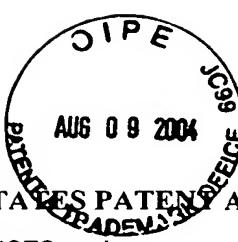
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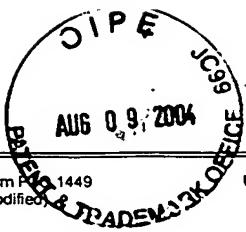
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2000-67896) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference is mainly about a sensing method of a voltage trouble in fuel cells. When the system senses trouble, a load of fuel cell will be removed.



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